REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN

BIBLE, MISSIONARY, AND TRACT

Societies,

FOR THE YEAR 1850.

TOGETHER WITH

OTHER DOCUMENTS, AND AN ADDRESS TO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

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ADDRESS

TO THE

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NORTH AMERICA.

Beloved Brethren:

You are aware that certain Christian associations have originated with the disciples, meeting from time to time, in conventions, at Cincinnati, with the express object of carrying out the benevolent design of the Christian religion, in the conversion of the world, and the union, prosperity, and peace of the churches of the saints. Among these is the *American Christian Bible Society*; which recognizes the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and the Greek of the New, as the only authoritative standard; and that it is the duty of Christians to acquaint the human family with the revelations contained therein, by faithfully translating and circulating them throughout the world.

Also the *Christian Tract and Sunday-school Society*; the objects of which are to diffuse the knowledge of the Christian religion, by the publication and circulation of religious tracts, and a Sunday-school Library, with special reference to the wants of our brotherhood, and the interests of our children.

Also the *American Christian Missionary Society*; the object of which is to promote the preaching of the gospel in this and other lands. It is designed for home and foreign purposes; to meet the wants of our own population, in such destitute portions of the country as may stand the most in need of our aid; and to send the gospel to other lands, not only those sitting in darkness, and in the region of the shadow of death, but in those but partially enlightened in the great matters pertaining to the Christian religion. We have missions in contemplation in New Orleans and Boston, in South Carolina and Michigan, in California, Oregon, and Texas, and in other portions of our continent where the gospel as understood by us is scarcely known; besides which, we have projected a mission in Syria and the Holy Land, making Jerusalem the radiating point, the mission family being now on their way to their field

of labor, and before this reaches you, will in all probability have reached there.

At the recent annual meetings of these Societies, certain important amendments of their respective constitutions were unanimously adopted, setting aside the plan of life memberships and life directorships; and instead of a moneyed basis, introducing the truly Christian one, that "every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, but of a ready mind,"—inasmuch as God loveth a cheerful giver. Each individual can now give to any one, or all of these Societies, as he purposes in his heart, from the widow's mite to the larger offering of the rich; and the churches, as such, may now be fully represented, whether they come up with a full or an empty hand.

These changes, it is thought, will meet the views of our entire brotherhood. There will not be the need for traveling agents to any great extent, which will be a vast gain on the ground of economy. But in order to the realization of our hopes, immediate and prompt attention should be paid to the wants of these Societies; regular addresses should be read to the respective churches in their behalf, and contributions sent to the Corresponding Secretary, T. CRANE, Cincinnati, to defray the current and daily expenses of these Christian institutions.

Brethren, you need no exhortation to duty. The grandeur and importance of these objects speak with an eloquence irresistible to every Christian heart.

Favor and peace to all the churches of the saints!

The Minutes of our recent anniversary meetings are herewith published and sent to you.

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FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, agree to pay to the elders and evangelists of the ——— congregation, the following sums, in aid of [*one or all of these Societies,*] to be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, for the use and purposes set forth in [*their respective*] constitutions.

SUBSCRIBERS' NAMES.	AMOUNT SUBSCRIPTION.	AMOUNT PAID.

Constitution

OF THE

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Sacred Scriptures, the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and the Greek of the New, are the only authoritative divine standard, containing the only revelations of God to the human race, extant; and whereas, it is the duty of Christians, who are called "the light of the world," to acquaint the human family with those revelations, by faithfully and thoroughly translating and circulating them:

We, therefore, to form an agency of the churches for Bible distribution, resolve to unite our labors under the following

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The name of this association shall be the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

ART. II. It shall be the object of this Society, to aid in the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures, without note or comment, among all nations.

ART. III. Any church, Bible co-operation, or other Christian organization, placing its surplus funds in the treasury of this Society, shall have the right to appoint one member, for each annual contribution, and for every fifty dollars contributed by it, it shall be entitled to another member, and all persons heretofore constituted life members, or life directors, shall continue in the enjoyment of their rights.

ART. IV. All the officers of the Society shall be *ex officio* members of the Society, during their continuance in office.

ART. V. A Board, consisting of a President, nine Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Treasurer,

together with twenty-five Managers, shall be appointed annually, to conduct the business of the Society. The President, two Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and sixteen of the Managers, shall reside in Cincinnati, or its vicinity. The members of the Board shall continue in office until suspended by a new election, and shall have power to fill such vacancies as may occur in their number.

ART. VI. The Board of Managers, and their officers, shall meet monthly, or oftener if necessary, at such time and place as they shall adjourn to; seven of whom shall be a quorum.

ART. VII. At the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Managers, the President, or in his absence, the Vice President first upon the list, then present, and in the absence of all the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and in his absence, such member as shall be chosen for that purpose, shall preside.

ART. VIII. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held in Cincinnati, on the Tuesday after the third Lord's-day in October, in each year, or at any other time at the option of the Society; when the accounts of the Treasurer shall be presented, and a President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary, together with a Board of Managers, shall be chosen for the ensuing year.

ART. IX. The President shall, at the written request of six members of the Board, call a special meeting of the Board of Managers, causing at least three days' notice of such meeting to be given.

ART. X. The whole of the minutes of every meeting shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ART. XI. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society present at an annual meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE

BIBLE SOCIETY.

CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 22d, 1850.

THE American Christian Bible Society commenced its fourth annual meeting in the Christian chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, at ten o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was opened with appropriate exercises in singing by the congregation, reading the scriptures by the President, and prayer by John T. Johnson, of Kentucky.

The President, D. S. Burnet, then delivered an extempore address, introductory to the business of the meeting.

After the singing of an appropriate hymn by the meeting, the Corresponding Secretary, James Challen, read his annual report; which was, on motion, accepted.

Report of the Corresponding Secretary

OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE Bible is the best of books; it is of priceless worth. Its value only can be fully appreciated, by considering the loss which any community which has enjoyed its saving influence and power would realize, if wholly deprived of its light and presence.

In many Catholic countries, there are stately cathedrals, monasteries, and church establishments, and a priesthood without number; but owing to the absence of the Bible, there is no prosperity in the state, and no purity in the church. With its free circulation, both would be quickened into life and promise. The Bible, read and generally distributed in these countries, would soon work a

glorious renovation. The desert would blossom as the rose, and the wilderness would become as the garden of God.

It is therefore a matter for gratitude to God, that every year, new facilities are being opened for the diffusion of the scriptures, in France and Italy, in Germany and Prussia, and other Catholic countries; and we should avail ourselves of these openings in Providence to send the word of life to those who are groping in the darkness of superstition and ignorance for the want of it.

Purer and more perfect translations into foreign tongues, of the Bible, are being made; and therefore the obligation is becoming more imperative upon us to do our part in the free circulation of the scriptures among those who are destitute of it.

Inasmuch as there are other societies in successful operation, whose duty it is to supply the destitute of our own country, would it not be more within the range of our duty to enter chiefly on the foreign field—to select one or more of the European states, France, Italy or Germany, and concentrate our energies in that direction. In the course of a few years, by the employment of colporteurs, agents and missionaries, a great work might be accomplished. The American and Foreign Bible Society is working in this direction with the most encouraging success.

During the past year, there has not been much demand made upon us for Bibles and Testaments. The home field is chiefly supplied by other societies now in successful operation; which consideration strongly indicates to us the necessity of directing our efforts to some foreign field. Whilst therefore we should not neglect the home field, our energies and resources might with decided benefit be turned to those portions of our world where the Bible is but partially known, and where the destitution of the word of life urgently demands our special attention. The Board, in view of the importance of this work, has appropriated three hundred dollars to the American and Foreign Bible Society, to aid in the distribution of the scriptures in Germany; and also, under the direction of Bro. Milligan, Washington, Pa., sixty dollars was sent to the same society, for the circulation of the scriptures in Italy.

They have appropriated three hundred dollars in aid of the mission in Jerusalem, through Dr. James T. Barclay, for the purchase of Bibles and Testaments in London, for distribution and sale in the Holy Land; besides which the co-operative meeting of the brethren in eastern Virginia, have appropriated two hundred and thirty-five dollars and fifty cents for the same object; and it is confidently believed that the British and Foreign Bible Society will also make an appropriation for the same object, through the American and Foreign Bible Society, the Secretary of which has given letters recommending this appropriation to be laid before the board in London, by Dr. Barclay, missionary of the American Christian Missionary Society.

S. K. Hoshour, labored four months, as colporteur, among the Germans, in this city, partly under the direction of this society.

In relation to the home field, no service could be rendered to the American people, and to all who speak the English language, of greater moment than to bring about, in connection with other societies, a new, perfect and correct version of the Holy Scriptures. In no language is there so great need for such a version as in our own. The Bible is the chosen book of our language. It is the classic of the English world. It is the book for the people. More copies of the Bible have been published within the last fifty years, than of any other book. It is the private companion of thousands. It is daily read and studied, in the closet, in the family, in schools and churches. It is found everywhere and read by every one; and therefore it should be as perfect as it came out of the hands of its Divine author. Only so far as the mind of the Spirit is expressed in the language of the Spirit, can the Bible be regarded as of Divine authority.

It can not be long before those speaking the English language, will awaken to the importance of this work. And although many will object, some hesitate and doubt the expediency, and a few with violence oppose the effort; the good sense of the people, the progressive spirit of the age, and the acknowledged necessity of such a version, will one day bring it about.

Immense fields are now opened before us in the territories recently acquired in our own country, in California and New Mexico, and in Oregon and Texas. Not only among those speaking our own language, but among the emigrants from the Sandwich Islands, from China and Japan, and among the natives occupying this vast territory, colporteurs, and agents, and missionaries, can here find fields ripening for the harvest, in which the most ample rewards would result from Bible distribution and evangelical labor. Let us then, brethren, awaken to the importance of the work assigned us, and enter upon it with diligence and industry, inasmuch as our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

In relation to agents, only one that we have appointed, Elder E. Leonard, has been able to accomplish anything in our behalf; and his agency, owing to many difficulties he has had to encounter, has done but little.

Indeed, owing to the formation of state and district meetings, in Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and other states, our agents have found the fields occupied; and until we shall hear from these organizations, we shall not be able to know how much has been done.

The report of the Recording Secretary was then read and accepted, and on motion referred to the following auditing committee:

JOHN T. JONES, of Illinois,
JOHN D. STILWELL, of Kentucky,
C. H. GOULD, of Cincinnati,
} *Auditing Committee.*

Recording Secretary's Report.

RECEIPTS SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT.

From Church at Rushville, Indiana, donation	$5	00
do. Fayetteville, do. do.	3	00
do. Bentonville, do. do.	5	25
do. Connersville, do. do.	6	75
Auxiliary Society at Shelbyville, Illlnois, donation	14	00
Church at Davis Creek, Rush county, Indiana, donation	9	00
James C. Judd, donation		50
Alexander Scott, do.	5	00
Church at Brownsville, Indiana, donation	6	00
do. Fairview, do. do.	11	00
do. Shelbyville, Kentucky, do.	85	00
David A. Pease and Sophia Pease, Cincinnati, donation	5	00
Samuel Robins, per J. J. Moss, donation	2	00
Philander Robins, do. do.	1	00
G. W. Trabue, Glasgow, Kentucky, donation	5	00
B. N. Crump, do. do. do	1	00
Mrs. Wesley, Greenfield, Tennessee, do.	1	00
Bonne Femme church, Missouri, do.	5	20
Columbia do. do. do.	16	25
Bear Creek do. do. do.	5	25
Friendship do. do. do.	3	75
Fayette do. do. do.	15	00
Roanoke do. do. do.	5	25
Glasgow do. do. do.	32	10
Mount Pleasant do. do. do.	8	50
Mrs. S. E. Lenoir, Boone county, Missouri,	3	00
William Standiford, for Huldah Standiford, life membership,	25	00
Park Walton, Point Pleasant, Kentucky, on do.	5	00
James Ellis, on life membership,	5	00
W. A. Sly, do.	8	00
Charles Osburn, Beasley's creek, on life membership,	25	00
do. subscription on A. Campbell's life directorship,	10	00
John D. Stilwell, do. do. do.	10	00
do. do. Walter Scott's do.	10	00
Eleanor Dickenson, on life membership,	5	00
Charlotte Price, do.	10	00
Nathaniel Price, do.	5	00
L. H. Jameson, do.	5	00
John M. Bramwell, do.	5	00
Albert Allen, do.	10	00
Dr. Henry Van Tuyl, do.	25	00
Rebecca Van Tuyl, do.	25	00
Eliza Tait, do.	10	00
Church at South Elkhorn, Kentuoky, to constitute Gen. William Bryan a life member,	25	00
Same, to constitute John Curd a life member,	25	00
Church at Little Flat Lock, Rush county, Indiana, donation,	18	00
Richard Hawley, Detroit, donation,	1	00
Sister S. Stout, on A. Campbell's life directorship,	5	00
Amount forward,	$531	80

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From John M. Payne, for one-half of Ann Stout's life membership,	12	50
J. B. New, on life membership,	2	00
Alfred Thompson, do.	10	00
Margaret Arnold, Covington, Kentucky, on life membership,	5	00
W. H. Hopson, Missouri, on life membership,	10	00
D. S. Burnet, do.	25	00
Mary G. Burnet, do.	25	00
J. F. Wright and J. McCash, to constitute ——— a life member,	25	00
Dr. James T. Barclay, to constitute John Tyler, of Virginia, a life member, viz: from Garland Farrer $1, Geo. W. Tyler 3, William D. Davis 1, Thomas Staple 1, Mrs. Staple 1, John W. Martin 2 50, Mrs. Martin 2 50, William L. Wright 5, Mrs. Yago 50 cents, John W. Yeamans 25 cents, John Tyler 3, Fanny Bland 50 cents, Miss Olivia Staples 50 cents, M. Lenohan 1, William H. Tyler 50, Mrs. E. S. Tyler 1 25,		
J. Judson Barclay 50 cents,	25	00
Amount collections at Point Pleasant, Kentucky,	5	80
do. Burlington, do.	16	20
do. Goshen, Clermont county, Ohio,	5	67
do. John McLaughlin's,	6	00
do. Sharon,	4	75
do. Wilmington, Clinton county,	12	80
do. Sharpsburgh,	1	60
do. Goshen,	1	50
do. Mayslick,	1	25
From E. D. Anderson, Maysville, Kentucky,	1	00
R. J. Latimer, Cincinnati, on life membership,	10	00
Wm. Pinkerton, by church at Cowan's creek, on life membership,	20	00
John Mount, Cowan's creek, on life membership,	5	00
Thurston Crane, by Benevolent Society, Third Church, Cincinnati, for life membership,	25	00
Rebecca Strickle, Wilmington, Ohio, on life membership,	5	00
Church at Mount Sterling, Kentucky, for two life memberships,	50	00
Caroline Strickle, Wilmington, Ohio, on life membership,	5	00
W. N. Lane, Somerset, Kentucky, do.	25	00
Samuel Carrington, do.	5	00
Church at Somerset, do.	6	50
O. A. Sayer, Cairo, do.	2	50
Cleopatra Jenkins,	10	00
Waller Small,	5	00
John D. Stilwell, on life membership,	15	00
Dr. John Shackleford, on life directorship,	40	00
R. J. Latimer, on life membership,	15	00
do. on D. S. Burnet's life directorship,	10	00
Dr. A. B. Luce, for life membership,	25	00
John Tait, Sr., on do.	10	00
S. Rogers, amount sales of books,	34	67
Cash donations,	10	35
Alexander S. Gould, for life membership,	25	00
John Griggs, to constitute Clarissa Griggs a life member,	25	00
Robert Milligan, donation from Williamsburgh Auxiliary Society, to constitute L. P. Streater and James Porter life members,	60	00
Church at Monmouth, Illinois, per J. Owens, donation,	12	00
O. P. Williams, Commerce, Tennessee, do.	10	00
Benevolent Society, Clinton street church, Cincinnati, on James Challen's life directorship,	12	50
Amount forward,	$1206	39

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From Joseph Patton, donation from Auxiliary Society at St. Louis,	5	00
Philip C. Barbour,	10	00
Margaret Barbour,	10	00
Sarah Bromwell, on life membership,	10	00
W. C. Irwin, amount sale of books at depository,	42	41
Pleasant Grove Auxiliary Society,	2	00
Buchanan do.	4	00
Portage Prairie do.	2	75
Richland township do.	4	50
G. W. Smith,		75
William C. Irwin, amount sales of books,	3	10
Thomas Montague, on life membership,	10	00
Sarah Allen, do.	25	00
W. L. Maurey,	3	00
Church in Detroit,	6	00
Eleanor Dickinson, on life membership,	5	00
William C. Irwin, amount sales of books for month,	7	00
do. do. do.	33	00
do. do. do.	12	04
Benevolent Society, Clinton street church, on James Challen's life directorship,	12	50
Margaret Arnold, on life membership,	20	00
John Johnson, Wilmington, Ohio, donation	5	00
Church at Kirksville, Kentucky,	8	00
Daniel Hook, Augusta, Georgia, donation from Sister Roberts,	2	00
James Girrauld, East Smithfield, Pennsylvania,	8	00
Portage Bible Society, Indiana,	2	00
Church at Starford, Kentucky,	15	00
do. Macedonia, do.	33	00
Rebecca Strickle, on life membership,	5	00
Bro. Rogers, by Elder John M. Payne, donation,	5	00
Mrs. Monroe, by D. S. Burnet,	20	00
Elias Anderson, on Bro. Wheatley's life membership,	20	00
T. P. Hart,	10	00
John M. Owens, Illinois, per Corresponding Secretary,	19	00
Church at Maysville, donation	10	30
do. Richmond,	8	50
Whiteoak Pond church,	4	50
Kirksville church,	2	00
Bible Society at Covington, Kentucky, to constitute Elder Lewis B. Wells and Elizabeth Littlefield life members,	50	00
John Clifford, on life membership,	10	00
S. W. Reeder and Matilda Reeder, for life membership,	50	00
Robert McBrier, Brooklyn, New York,	20	00
Rebecca B. Riggs, of Milfordton, donation	1	00
Bro. Pate, of Virginia, donation	10	00
Church at Kankakee, on ———'s life membership,	25	00
Jacob Burnet, Jr., for life membership,	25	00
Robert McBrier, on do.	5	00
Auxiliary society at Columbus, Illinois,	27	00
Ruhannah Kenner, donation	3	00
Ruhannah Ludlow, do.	3	00
Thomas Montague, on life membership,	15	00
A. Trowbridge, for Ann Maria B. Trowbridge's life membership,	25	00
Benevolent society, Third church, Cincinnati, for John T. Johnson's life membership,	25	00
Amount forward,	$1905	74

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Same, for T. J. Melish's life membership,	25	00
Eleanor Dickenson, on do.	10	00
Church on Sixth street, Cincinnati, per T. J. Melish, donation,	5	00
Members of Parent Society,	59	05
	$2004	79
Paid to Treasurer and his receipt taken,	1007	94
Balance in Treasury, per last Annual Report,	$3012	73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid freight on consignment of books from the American and Foreign Bible society,	$8	82
For books to supply depository,	50	00
American and Foreign Bible society for distribution in Germany,	300	00
T. J. Murdock, for services as agent five months,	250	00
J. A. & U. P. James, for printing 3000 copies of Minutes,	135	65
W. C. Irwin, for books bought of E. Morgan & Co.	25	80
do. for boxes do. J. M. Johnston,	3	30
S. Rogers, for one month's services as agent and colporteur,	33	33
do. for freight on books,	2	25
Wm. C. Irwin, for books from E. Morgan & Co. and G. L. Weed,	59	52
do. for services and depository expenses,	52	21
American and Foreign Bible society for distribution in Italy,	60	00
Premium on draft,		60
William C. Irwin, for services and depository expenses,	63	09
S. K. Hoshour, for services as missionary and colporteur,	33	33
Christian Tract society, temporary loan,	58	00
James Challen, for services and depository expenses,	59	23
do. for services,	16	66
T. Crane, for services and depository expenses,	77	48
Dr. James T. Barclay, for Jerusalem mission,	300	00
James Challen, for services,	33	32
	$1622	59
Balance in the treasury October 21st, 1850,	$1390	14

G. R. HAND, *Secretary.*

The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted, and, on motion, referred to the above named auditing committee.

Treasurer's Report.

T. CRANE, TREASURER,

In account with the American Christian Bible Society.

1849.	Dr.		
October 22,	To Cash, balance in the treasury,	$1007	94
" 23,	do. received of G. R. Hand, Secretary,	530	55
	Amount forward,	$1538	49

1849.				Amount forward, ...				$153849
November 5.	To Cash received of G. R. Hand, Secretary, ...							7500
1850.								
January 7,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				31100
March 4,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				24593
June 3,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				19804
August 5,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				9430
September 5,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				9100
October 16,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				17900
" 21,	do.	do.	do.	. . . . .				27997
								$301273
1849.				Cr.				
October 27,	By Cash paid order No.			40,	J. Challen, . . .		$8	82
" "	do.	do.	do.	41,	W. C. Irwin, . .		50	00
November 5,	do.	do.	do.	42,	C. A. Clark, . . .		300	00
1850.								
January 7,	do.	do.	do.	43,	T. J. Murdock, . .		250	00
" "	do.	do.	do.	45,	W. C. Irwin, . .		29	10
" 12,	do.	do.	do.	44,	W. P. Stratton, . .		135	65
February 4,	do.	do.	do.	46,	S. Rogers, ...		35	58
" "	do.	do.	do.	47,	W. C. Irwin, . . .		65	85
" "	do.	do.	do.	48,	do. . . .		45	88
" "	do.	do.	do.	49,	J. Challen, . . .		60	60
March 4,	do.	do.	do.	50,	W. C. Irwin, . .		17	54
April 2,	do.	do.	do.	51,	do. . . .		17	60
May 6,	do.	do.	do.	53,	do. . . .		17	52
June 3,	do.	do.	do.	52,	S. K. Hoshour, . .		33	33
" "	do.	do.	do.	54,	W. C. Irwin, . . .		10	93
" "	do.	do.	do.	55,	J. Challen, ...		11	95
" 4,	do.	do.	do.	56,	do.		58	00
" 11,	do.	do.	do.	57,	do.		47	28
August 5,	do.	do.	do.	59,	T. Crane, ...		42	79
" 15,	do.	do.	do.	58,	J. Challen, ...		16	66
" 22,	do.	do.	do.	60,	do.		300	00
September 3,	do.	do.	do.	61,	do.		16	66
October 7,	do.	do.	do.	62,	do.		16	66
" 16,	do.	do.	do.	63,	T. Crane, ...		34	69
								162259
	Balance in the treasury, Tuesday, October 22, 1850, . .							$139014

T. CRANE, *Treasurer.*

On motion of T. J. Melish,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report business for this meeting:

John T. Johnson, of Kentucky,
George Campbell of Indiana,
Jacob Burnet, Jr., of Cincinnati, } *Committee on Business.*

On motion of B. S. Lawson, of Cincinnati,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at two o'clock this afternoon.

After some informal consultation, the Society adjourned.
Prayer by S. C. Perrin, of Kentucky.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 22d, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was opened with reading the scriptures by the President, and prayer by Elijah Goodwin, of Indiana.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The committee on business made the following report; which was, on motion, accepted and adopted:

The committee appointed to report business for this meeting, beg leave to present the following order:

1st. Enrollment of Members.

2d. Collection of Funds.

3d. Amendments to the Constitution.

4th. Bible Translations.

5th. The establishment of a Press for the use of this Society.

And the committee ask further time.

JOHN T. JOHNSON,
GEO. CAMPBELL,
JACOB BURNET, JR., } *Com.*

The meeting proceeded to the enrollment of the members present, and the collection of funds.

Amendments to the constitution being now in order, T. J. Melish, of Cincinnati, offered the following:

Resolved, That articles, 3d, 4th, and 5th, be stricken out, and the following inserted in their stead, viz:

ARTICLE III. This Society shall be composed of four delegates from each state convention, and one from each district meeting, contributing to the funds of this Society.

This amendment was discussed by T. J. Melish, followed by John T. Jones, of Illinois, who offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the constitution be so amended as to entitle each and every congregation to a delegate, upon the payment of the sum of ——— dollars.

The subject was discussed by J. T. Jones, John T. Johnson, of Kentucky, George Campbell, of Indiana, John G. Tompkins, of Kentucky, William Davenport, of Illinois, L. H. Jameson, of Indiana, A. S. Hayden, of Ohio, John Taffe, of Cincinnati, Benjamin Franklin, of Ohio, Alexander Linn, of Michigan, John F. Fisk, of Kentucky, and Dr. John Shackleford, of Kentucky.

Elijah Goodwin, of Indiana, moved to refer the whole subject of amendments to the constitution, to a committee to report at a future session of this meeting.

Pending the discussion of this motion, the meeting adjourned till seven o'clock this evening.

Benediction by William Thompson, of Kentucky.

EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 22d, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment.

D. S. Burnet, presiding, read a portion of the sacred scriptures, John Rogers, of Kentucky, engaged in prayer, and the congregation united in singing an appropriate hymn.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The motion pending on adjournment, was taken up and discussed by John T. Jones, of Illinois, J. H. Evans, of Ohio, Elijah Goodwin, of Indiana, John T. Johnson, of Kentucky, Dr. John Shackleford, of Kentucky, and T. J. Melish, of Cincinnati.

John T. Johnson, of Kentucky, offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the subject be referred to a committee, with instructions so to amend the constitution of this society, as to abolish life memberships, and memberships the basis of which is money.

The subject was further discussed by John T. Johnson, D. S. Burnet, George Campbell, T. J. Melish, A. Linn, J. F. Fisk, J. Shackleford, J. D. Stilwell, Jacob Burnet, Jr., and John N. Payne.

Adjourned to eight o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by E. Leonard, of Ohio.

ORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 23d, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Society convened pursuant to adjournment, D. S. Burnet presiding.

The meeting was opened with reading the scriptures by the President, and prayer by R. Henry.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

The report of the auditing committee was read and accepted, and, on motion, adopted, viz:

The committee to whom was referred the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, have compared their accounts with the books and vouchers, and find them correct.

JOHN T. JONES,
J. D. STILWELL,
C. H. GOULD,
} *Committee.*

The motion pending on adjournment, was taken up, and George Campbell read a proposed amended constitution, accompanied with remarks on the same.

The subject was further discussed by John O'Kane, of Indiana, Elijah Goodwin, of Indiana, T. J. Melish, of Cincinnati, and John T. Johnson, of Kentucky.

On motion of T. J. Melish, the motion to refer to a committee was laid on the table.

On motion of A. S. Hayden, of Ohio, the amendment offered by Mr. Melish was laid on the table.

J. H. Havens moved the adoption of the amendments proposed by George Campbell, as follows:

Resolved, That we strike out articles 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th, and insert the following:

Article III. Each state association, or convention organized to promote the objects of this society, and kindred objects, composed of messengers of the churches, or of district meetings of the churches, and actually raising and depositing its funds for this object, in the treasury of this Society, shall be entitled to —— members, one of whom, chosen by the ———, shall be an elector of this Society.

Article IV. Each church, or Bible association, that cannot conveniently act through state organizations, to promote the objects of this Society, actually raising and depositing funds in the treasury of this Society, shall be entitled to one member, and any ——— of such churches or associations uniting, shall be entitled to one elector.

Article V. No person shall be a member or an elector in this Society, unless he be a member of the church of Christ in good standing.

The remaining articles to be numbered to suit the amendments.

The word "persons" to be substituted by the word "brethren," and the word "director" by the word "elector."

The words "members for life, or life directors," in the ninth article, to be substituted by the words "electors of this Society."

The subject was discussed by B. U. Watkins, of Ohio, John N. Payne, of Kentucky, John T. Johnson, of Kentucky, J. H. Havens, George Campbell, of Indiana, Jacob Burnet, Jr., of Cincinnati, and Dr. Shackleford, of Kentucky.

Dr. Shackleford offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That we strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert "that the 4th and 5th articles of the constitution be so amended as to abolish life memberships and life directorships."

This resolution was discussed by John O'Kane, John T. Johnson, and Benjamin Franklin, and laid on the table.

The Board of Directors reported that they had elected the following officers to serve the Society the ensuing year.

PRESIDENT:

D. S. BURNET, of Cincinnati

VICE PRESIDENTS:

B. S. LAWSON, CINCINNATI, ROBERT MILLIGAN, PENNSYLVANIA,
WALTER SCOTT, KENTUCKY, R. R. RICHARDSON, VIRGINIA,
JOHN T. JOHNSON, KENTUCKY, H. D. PALMER, ILLINOIS,
ELIJAH GOODWIN, INDIANA, JOHN O'KANE, INDIANA,
THOMAS M. ALLEN, MISSOURI.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

THURSTON CRANE, Cincinnati.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

GEORGE R. HAND, CINCINNATI.

TREASURER:

C. H. GOULD, CINCINNATI.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

S. S. Clark,	Cincinnati,	G. W. Rice,	Cincinnati,
George Tait,	"	Andrew M. Leslie,	"
A. Trowbridge,	"	S. W. Reeder,	"
James Challen,	"	Jacob Burnet, Jr.,	"
R. J. Latimer,	"	Wm. Rowzee,	Pennsylvania,
Geo. S. Jenkins,	"	S. S. Church,	Missouri,
James Leslie,	"	John Curd,	Kentucky,
T. J. Murdock,	"	John F. Fisk,	"
H. Hathaway,	"	L. H. Jameson,	Indiana,
T. J. Melish,	"	Jesse B. Ferguson,	Tennessee,
W. P. Stratton,	"	L. L. Pinkerton,	Kentucky,
W. C. Irwin,	"	J. J. Moss,	Ohio,

A. S. Hayden, Ohio.

On motion of Jacob Burnet, Jr., it was

Resolved, That the whole subject of amendments to the constitution be referred to a committee of seven, to report at half-past eight o'clock, tomorrow morning.

The chairman of the committee was appointed by the meeting.

D. S. BURNET,
JOHN T. JOHNSON,
T. J. MELISH,
JOHN T. JONES,
L. H. JAMESON,
JOHN F. FISK,
JACOB BURNET, Jr.,
} *Committee on Amendments.*

John T. Johnson offered the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That we hail with emotions of peculiar delight, and approve most cordially, the movement of the society of brethren in New York, denominated "Bible Union," for a pure translation of the Bible, so far as is practicable, into the languages of all nations, and especially into the English language.

2d. *Resolved*, That we extend the hand of fellowship to those brethren, in this noble Christian enterprise.

3d. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to confer with that body, to ascertain the principles, and condition upon which a union of effort can be effected between the two societies, to carry out all the objects of each.

4th. *Resolved*, That in view of a correct, faithful, and perspicuous version of the Holy Scriptures, it is, in our judgment, indispensable, that the work shall be

accomplished by as large a representation of the protestant churches as can be induced to co-operate together in reference to the subject.

A motion to adopt the first resolution, was discussed by John T. Johnson, of Kentucky, Daniel Bryant, of Cincinnati, T. J. Melish, of Cincinnati, John T. Jones, of Illinois, and D. S. Burnet, of Cincinnati, until twelve o'clock, when the Society adjourned to seven o'clock this evening, provided that time is not claimed by the Missionary Society; otherwise, till half past eight o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Benjamin Franklin, of Cincinnati.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, October 23d, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Society convened pursuant to adjournment. D. S. Burnet presiding.

The meeting was opened with appropriate exercises in singing by the congregation, reading the Scriptures by the President, and prayer by B. U. Watkins.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of John Taffe, of Cincinnati, it was

Resolved, That the speeches during the sittings of this meeting, be limited to ten minutes, and that no person speak more than once on any question till all who wish to speak be heard.

The committee on amendments made the following report, which was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of amending the constitution, respectfully report the following amendments:

1st. That the third, fourth, and fifth articles be stricken out.

2d. That the sixth article be so amended as to read,

ART. III. Each church, Bible co-operation or other Christian organization, placing its surplus funds in the treasury of this Society, shall have the right to appoint one member, and for every fifty dollars contributed, it shall be entitled to another member, and all persons heretofore constituted life members or life directors shall continue in the enjoyment of their rights.

3d. That article ninth be stricken out.

4th. That in article eleventh, the words "and directors," in the first line, be stricken out, and all after the words "ensuing year," in same article, be stricken out.

5th. That in article fourteenth, the words "and directors" be stricken out.

6th. And that the numbering of the articles be adapted to the changes made.

A motion to adopt the report of the committee, was discussed by John F. Fisk, George Campbell, James Challen, John T. Jones, John Rogers, and John T. Johnson.

The report was then taken up item by item, and the first amendment, after some remarks by James Challen, was adopted.

The second was discussed by John O'Kane, Benj. Franklin, D. S. Burnet, John T. Johnson, John Shackleford and T. J. Melish.

John O'Kane moved to lay the whole subject on the table for one year. Motion lost.

The discussion was then continued by A. S. Hayden.

B. S. Lawson moved to amend by inserting the word "annually" after the words "Christian organization." Motion carried.

The Secretary being called away at this stage of the business, T. J. Melish officiated during the remainder of the evening.

The article as amended was then adopted.

On motion, the third recommendation of the committee was adopted.

On motion of John F. Fisk, everything relating to directors was stricken out, and the articles changed in number to suit.

On motion of George Campbell, the words "whose names are undersigned," were stricken from the preamble, and the word "therefore" inserted after the word "we."

On motion of John T. Jones, the constitution as amended was recommitted to the Secretary *pro tem.* for engrossment.

On motion the meeting adjourned till half-past eight o'clock, morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, Oct. 24th, 8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Society convened pursuant to adjournment, D. S. Burnet presiding.

The meeting was opened with reading the Scriptures by the President, and prayer by Elijah Goodwin.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved.

The report of the engrossing committee was read and accepted.

On motion of T. J. Melish, the words "for each annual contribution" were inserted after the words "one member," in the third article.

A motion to adopt the constitution as amended, was discussed by T. J. Melish, John T. Johnson, George Campbell, G. R. Hand, John Young, John Shackleford, and Jacob Burnet, Jr.

G. R. Hand offered, as an amendment, the following; which was adopted:

Art. IV. All the officers of the Society shall be *ex officio* members of the Society during their continuance in office.

John T. Jones offered the following amendment:

A list of contributors shall be kept by the Recording Secretary, and any person or persons, paying into the treasury the sum of $——, on their own account or on the account of others, shall be placed on the list of contributors, and published annually with the proceedings of the Society.

John T. Johnson offered the following:

Any person or persons, or congregation of Christ that may be disposed to leave a lasting remembrance of Christian regard for the virtues or services of any disciple of Christ, shall be at liberty to have the name of such disciple enrolled upon the records of the Society, as a Patron, by the payment of fifty dollars, or one hundred dollars.

The subject was discussed by Alexander Campbell, of Virginia, John F. Fisk of Kentucky, and L. H. Jameson, of Indiana.

John T. Jones and John T. Johnson then withdrew their amendments.

The constitution as amended was then adopted unanimously, as follows:

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Sacred Scriptures, the Hebrew of the Old Testament, and the Greek of the New, are the only authoritative divine standard, containing the only revelations of God to the human race, extant; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of Christians, who are called "the light of the world," to acquaint the human family with those revelations, by faithfully and thoroughly translating and circulating them:

We therefore, to form an agency of the churches for Bible distribution, resolve to unite our labors under the following

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The name of this association shall be the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

ART. II. It shall be the object of this Society to aid in the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures, without note or comment, among all nations.

ART. III. Any church, Bible co-operation, or other Christian organization, placing its surplus funds in the treasury of this Society, shall have the right to appoint one member for each annual contribution, and for every fifty dollars contributed by it, it shall be entitled to another member, and all persons heretofore constituted life members, or life directors, shall continue in the enjoyment of their rights.

ART. IV. All the officers of the Society shall be *ex officio* members of the Society during their continuance in office.

ART. V. A Board, consisting of a President, nine Vice Presidents, Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, and Treasurer, together with twenty-five Managers, shall be appointed annually, to conduct the business of the Society. The President, two Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and sixteen of the Managers shall reside in Cincinnati, or its vicinity. The members of the Board shall continue in office until superseded by a new election, and shall have power to fill such vacancies as may occur in their number.

ART. VI. The Board of Managers, and their officers, shall meet monthly, or oftener, if necessary, at such time and place as they shall adjourn to; seven of whom shall be a quorum.

ART. VII. At the meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers, the President, or in his absence, the Vice President first upon the list, then present, and in the absence of all the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, and in his absence, such member as shall be chosen for that purpose, shall preside.

ART. VIII. The annual meetings of the Society shall be held, in Cincinnati, on the Tuesday after the third Lord's-day in October, in each year, or at any other time at the option of the Society; when the accounts of the Treasurer shall be presented and a President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurer, and such other officers as they may deem necessary, together with a Board of Managers, shall be chosen for ahe ensuing year.

ART. IX. The President shall, at the written request of six members of the Board, call a special meeting of the Board of Managers, causing at least three days' notice of such meeting to be given.

ART. X. The whole of the minutes of every meeting, shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ART. XI. No alteration shall be made in this constitution, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Society present at an annual meeting.

On motion of George Campbell, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due to James Challen, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Society.

Adjourned to meet at seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 24th, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Society convened pursuant to adjournment, D. S. Burnet presiding.

The meeting was opened with reading the 19th Psalm, by Alexander Campbell, and prayer by L. H. Jameson.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

J. F. Fisk moved to strike out article third of the constitution as amended, and insert the corresponding article of the amended constitution of the Missionary Society. Motion laid on the table.

On motion, John T. Johnson's resolutions on Bible translation, were taken up for discussion.

The resolutions having been read by the Secretary, A. Campbell delivered a very interesting and instructive address on the general subject of Bible translation.

The first resolution was then discussed by John Young, James Challen, John F. Fisk, D. S. Burnet, T. J. Melish, John T. Johnson, Jacob Burnet, Jr., and George Campbell.

Jacob Burnet, Jr., offered the following as a substitute :

1st. *Resolved*, That the faithful translation of the sacred scriptures into the English language is an object very dear to our hearts, and we regard with intense interest the recent movement of the "Bible Union,"

2d. That a committee be appointed with instructions to obtain by correspondence with the "Bible Union," and from all other sources within their reach, all possible information in reference to the subject of such translation, and to make a full report to the next annual meeting of this Society.

The subject was further discussed by A. Campbell, L. H. Jameson, D. S. Burnet, John T. Jones, and William Davenport.

J. Burnet, Jr., withdrew his resolutions.

The question was then taken on John T. Johnson's resolutions separately, and the first, second, third, and fourth resolutions, as before recorded, were adopted unanimously.

The following committee was appointed under the provisions of the third resolution:

ALEX. CAMPBELL, of Virginia,
D. S. BURNET, of Cincinnati,
JAMES CHALLEN, "
J. T. JOHNSON, of Kentucky,
JOHN YOUNG, of Kentucky,
} *Committee of Correspondence.*

Adjourned to meet at seven o'clock tomorrow evening.

Prayer by R. C. Ricketts, of Kentucky.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment, D. S. Burnet presiding.

The meeting was opened with reading the scriptures by the President, and prayer by John T. Powell, of Ohio.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion of T. J. Melish, the Society took a recess to hear an address from A. Campbell.

After the address, the Society resumed its business.

On motion of Jacob Burnet, Jr., it was

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches to devote as large a proportion as possible of their collections on every Lord's-day, to our Bible, Missionary, and Tract and Sunday-school Societies, and that they have discourses preached upon each of these several enterprises, at least as often as once a year.

John T. Jones offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, The proceedings of the Board of Managers is a matter of great interest to the whole brotherhood, and the amendments to the constitution at the present anniversary now give its action deeper interest: therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be requested to instruct the Recording Secretary to furnish the Christian Age and Unionist, a synopsis of its proceedings monthly for publication, embracing the names of the members present.

On motion of George Campbell,

Resolved, That we most cordially thank the brethren of Cincinnati, for their great kindness, and unwearied attention to the comfort and happiness of the members in attendance from abroad.

On motion of James Challen,

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren generally, that they take efficient steps to aid in endowing fully Bethany College, on the plan proposed of scholarships in that institution.

On motion of J. H Havens,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be instructed to publish the minutes of this meeting in the Christian Age.

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.
On motion, the Society adjourned.
Benediction by the President.

D. S. BURNET, *President*.

G. R. HAND, *Secretary*.

Additional Receipts.

THE following was received during the anniversary meetings, and soon after, but does not appear in the Secretary's or Treasurer's report, viz: from

S. J. Pinkerton, balance on life directorship,		$20 00
Dr. J. Shackleford,		20 00
Sarah A. Bromwell, life membership,		20 00
L. B. Crutcher,	do.	20 00
Elizabeth N. Crutcher,	do.	20 00
Thomas Graddy,	do.	20 00
Fanny Ware,	do.	20 00
Richard Crutcher,	do.	20 00
Geo. W. Nuckols,	do.	20 00
Agnes C. Wallace,	do.	20 00
L. R. Crutcher, to constitute J. N. Payne a life director,		40 00
Thomas Graddy, for the same purpose,		40 00
Donation from Midway church,		25 00
do.	R. Tomlinson, for home mission,	1 00
do.	Sixth street Sunday-school,	10 00
do.	Jane Galbreath, of Neville, Ohio, for the Jerusalem Mission,	5 00
do.	Sixth street church,	16 00
do.	A. S. Hayden,	1 00
do.	Church at Macedonia,	2 50
do.	J. Harrison,	4 00
Auxiliaries—	Church at Versailles,	10 00
do	Church at New Orleans,	10 00
do.	John Young, on account of life membership,	10 00
	Amount forward,	$374 50

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Elijah Goodwin, to constitute S K. Hoshour a life director,	10 00
John T. Powell, balance, life membership,	12 00
Wm. Davenport, do. do,	20 00
John Boggs, agent,	123 70
Wm. Standeford, on account,	30 00
Henry D. Palmer, life membership,	20 00
David S. Burnet, paid to the credit of Carrol Kendrick,	65 00
J. G. Tompkins, life membership,	20 00
J. B. New, life membership,	20 00
A. D. Fillmore, by the Fulton church,	10 00
Annual Subscribers—D. A. Pease,	1 00
do. Sophia Pease,	1 00
do. W. F. Pool,	1 00
do. John T. Jones,	1 00
Church at Bethany, to constitute Dr. R. R. Richardson a life director	100 00
Donation from the church at Bethany, Va.,	15 50
do. Father Ray, for the Jerusalem mission,	5 00
do. from Bro. ———, by J. Rogers,	1 00
do. from church at Allegheny City, Pa.,	25 00
do. Sunday-school of First church, for the Jerusalem mission.	6 17
	$491 87

MINUTES

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the preaching of the gospel in destitute places, of this and other lands.

ART. III. Every Christian church in North America, co-operating with this Society, and all associations of churches, shall be entitled to representation equally, at the annual meetings, and all persons heretofore constituted life members and life directors shall continue in the enjoyment of their acquired rights.

ART. IV. The officers shall consist of a President, twenty Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Corresponding Secretary and a Recording Secretary, who shall be elected by the members of the Society, at the annual meeting, and who shall be *ex officio* members of the Society.

ART. V. The Society shall also annually elect twenty-five Managers, who, together with the officers of this Society, shall constitute an Executive Board, to conduct the business of the Society, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. VI. Two of the Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, the Secretaries, and at least fifteen of the Managers, shall reside in Cincinnati or its vicinity.

ART. VII. The Executive Board shall have power to appoint its own meetings, elect its own chairman, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always that they be not inconsistent with

the constitution, fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body, or in the officers of the Society during the year, and if deemed necessary by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, convene special meetings of the Society. They shall establish such agencies as the interests of the Society may require, appoint agents and missionaries, fix their compensation, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labors, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, and present to the Society, at each annual meeting, a full report of their proceedings during the past year.

ART. VIII. All moneys or other property contributed and designated for any particular missionary field, shall be so appropriated, or returned to the donors, or their lawful agents.

ART. IX. The Treasurer shall give bonds to such an amount as the Executive Board shall think proper.

ART. X. All the officers, managers, missionaries and agents of the Society shall be members in good standing in the churches of God.

ART. XI. The annual meeting shall be held in Cincinnati on the Wednesday after the third Lord's-day in October, or at such other time and place as shall have been designated by a previous annual meeting.

ART. XII. No person shall receive an appointment from the Executive Board, unless he shall give satisfactory evidence of his Christian character and qualification.

ART. XIII. No alteration of this constitution shall be made, without a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting, nor unless the same shall have been proposed at a previous annual meeting, or recommended by the Executive Board.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23d, 1850.

THE Society held its first annual meeting in the Christian Chapel, corner of Eighth and Walnut streets, Cincinnati, at two o'clock, P. M.

The President, A. Campbell, of Bethany, Virginia, not being present, D. S. Burnet, Vice President, took the chair, and G. R. Hand was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* The scriptures were read, and prayer offered by John T. Powell, with appropriate singing by the congregation.

In the absence of the President, James Challen, who had been appointed by the Board to that duty, delivered the Annual Address.

President's Address. Jas Challin

The cause of missions, is the cause of God. It is the chief instrumentality in the propagation of the gospel. We may differ in respect of the ways and means, but all Christians admit, that by the preaching of the gospel, men are to hear, believe and be saved.

Christianity is eminently a proselyting institution, and Jerusalem, the mother of us all, is never so well pleased as when children are of *her* born to God. She forgets her pain and her sorrow in the greatness of her joy, in bringing sons and daughters to God.

We are met to encourage each other in this good work, and to devise ways and means the more effectually to carry and to send the gospel to those who have it not. May the wisdom that is profitable to direct, be abundantly posessed by us!

There are two fields open before us, the home and the foreign; and both demand our united and persevering efforts.

It is said that there are seven hundred thousand families, or three million five hundred thousand persons in the United States, who do not statedly attend any evangelical preaching whatever. This estimate is rather below than above the truth. How great the mass of ignorance, vice, and corruption, such an assembly would present, if they could all be confined within some limited territory, before our eyes. Would not our zeal be wrought up to the highest fervor, to save them from perdition, and the most ample means be devised to bring them under the renovating influences of the gospel of Christ? The best men of the land would deliberate together, pray and act in such a case! And *we* are assembled now with a view of doing our part in arresting this tide of iniquity, in purifying these bitter waters, in sending health in the midst of this diseased portion of our land. We are met to consider this matter. The land is all before us, and though occupied with the Canaanite and the Anakim, what need we fear with the sword of the Lord and Joshua! If with the spirit of the original proclaimers of the gospel, and the truth as it is in Jesus, we enter upon the work, success will abundantly crown our efforts. In the older states the work is but just begun. Indeed, in the West, the field of our labor hitherto, we have but scarcely done more than to open a few avenues through the forest, by blazing the trees, and cutting down the undergrowth that obstructs our way. Here and there a few small patches have been cultivated, and have yielded in many places a rich harvest, but the vast forest, with its grand old woods, remains almost unbroken.

Hitherto we have done but little in the eastern portion of our country. We have a few small congregations in some of the larger cities, struggling for life; but for the want of suitable meeting houses, to give prominence and visibility to them, and preachers of sufficient ability to attract public attention, they have failed to

accomplish much. The call upon us for evangelists is loud and imperative, and the resources of the church should be laid under contribution, to send them the gospel and to aid in building up the waste places of Zion.

But such has been the rapid increase of our population by foreign emigration, and such the amount of new territory added to our domain, that in the outskirts of civilization, toward the Pacific, where the sun goes down, there are countries, whose very names are new and strange to us, whose hills are studded with the precious metals, and whose ancient waters roll down their golden sands. *California*, for a thousand miles, runs along the coast of the Pacific, and penetrates the interior for twelve hundred miles. This territory is attracting the eyes of the civilized and pagan world, and for years to come, will be the theatre of vast excitement, politically, commercially and religiously. With such extraordinary mineral wealth, with such a variety of climate and soil, with her cattle upon a thousand hills, with her towns and cities growing up like magic, and with a territory sufficiently large to make forty-five such states as New Hampshire; with a population speaking fifty different languages, all rapidly melting away into the ample crucible of the English language; her influence in every point of view must become inconceivably great and commanding.

There the Indian, so groveling and debased, that they rise but little above the animals among which they herd, already clothe themselves in the garb of Americans, and lay aside their bow and war-club, for the implements of husbandry, and forget their rude speech for the strange tongue which civilization has introduced among them. And there the inhabitants of Otaheite and Japan, and the proud Chinaman, cast away their uncouth dress for that of the American, throw away their antiquated tools for others they can employ with better effect, pronounce the *barbarian* their superior in the arts, in agriculture, in commerce, in government, in morals and in religion. This, say they,will be our adopted home and the home of our children. Texas too, with a climate and soil like Italy and Egypt combined, suited to the sugar-cane and cotton and corn, with a territory greater than all of New England, with a population intelligent and enterprising, characterized by the kindness and attention which they show to the ministers of religion, and with a hospitality unequaled in any portion of our land—how rich and inviting the field here before us! We have a great many brethren in this state, and a few small congregations, but only here and there is heard the solitary voice of the evangelist, calling upon the people to reform. And constantly is the cry sent up to the missionary board to send them help—help not so much in the shape of silver and gold, but help in the persons of efficient laborers in the gospel of Christ. Thus it is, not now from Maine to Georgia, but from Maine to the Rio Grande, and from this to the Nevada, and from this to the mouth of the Columbia river, are we called upon to extend the labors of the evangelist. Norwegians, Germans, Dutch,

Welch and Irish, and our own native population, demand of us the word of life.

In view then of the wants of our own country, new zeal and energy must be awakened, a scheme of evangelical effort commensurate with the work to be accomplished must be devised. And greater self-denial, and a wider spirit of benevolence, should be awakened among us.

When Joan of Arc was asked by her judges, how she acquired such influence over her followers, she replied, "By the power which a strong mind has over inferior ones." If we wish to see this vast field cultivated, we must send out our educated and well trained ministry; a ministry without such qualifications will be inefficient and almost useless. We need men of mind and heart, of intellect and feeling, of powerful talents, and of burning zeal. To bring back the human spirit to God, the central power from which it has wandered, requires great skill and wisdom. If it would require some mighty angel to bring back a wandering star, and arrest it in its wild and mad momentum, an errand of a more important character and involving a higher responsibility, falls upon him who would turn a sinner from the error of his ways.

But time admonishes me of the necessity of calling your attention for a few moments to the foreign field. This is all a waste, a desert with only an occasional oasis. Darkness covers the earth, and gross darkness the minds of the people. And passing over those immense fields in pagan lands in which only an occasional light is shining, we call your attention to the land of Palestine, the chosen spot to which this Society has sent the beloved Barclay and his interesting family, freighted with the news of salvation to the perishing population which it contains. It is not with any superstitious feelings or visionary hopes that we have sent the missionaries of the cross to this benighted portion of the world. But we have chosen it because it is the most eligible spot on which to establish a mission, a grand central point in which to commence our evangelical labors in foreign lands; a radiating point from which the light of the gospel may shoot out its beams in any direction.

It is the land to which the eyes of all Christendom has been directed for ages, and which has enlisted their deepest sympathies, and most fervent prayers; and we venture to say, that no portion of our world could have been selected, which so effectually will enlist the energies of our own brethren in the great work of foreign missions as this. Our expectations on this head have been more than realized. From every quarter of our land, it is hailed with delight. And we are cheered and encouraged by the prayers and contributions of the brethren in support of this mission. And what a thrill of joy will the news of the first convert on Zion's hill send throughout the army of the faithful. How will the intelligence of foreign conquest stimulate us to greater exertions at home. How will the little rill of Christian benevolence, now running

through the midst of our spiritual Zion, *swell* into a mighty river when the hearts of three hundred thousand disciples shall throb with the divine impulse of sending the gospel of salvation to the perishing heathen, when they learn of its glorious and abundant fruits in bringing sinners to God. I look forward to that day with unwonted delight. I believe it will be realized. The pillar of cloud will yet cast its welcome shadow over the infant mission to be established in Palestine, and the gleams of the pillar of fire will yet shoot upward to the skies, and be a beacon of hope to the outcasts of Israel and the benighted heathen.

Jehovah selected Palestine, as the chosen heritage of his people Israel. Its original name was Canaan, derived from the youngest son of Ham, whose decendants peopled the country. But as the Philistines, a people of Egypt, early invaded the land and settled on the sea coast, it received from its conquerors the name of Philistia or Palestine. But after the Israelites settled in it, it was called "the land of Israel"—"the Holy Land," and after the dispersion of the ten tribes, "the land of Judah."

The land of Israel, though in the center of the globe, is nevertheless secluded from the rest of mankind, by the most formidable barriers. On the north the mountains of Lebanon and of Anti-Libanus, the deserts of Arabia on the south, those of Syria on the east, and the Mediterranean or Great sea on the west. So isolated in its position as to justify the prediction of Balaam, (Numbers 23: 9.)—"Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."

Though now a waste, owing to neglect and the want of cultivation, the sands of the desert, by the lapse of ages, having encroached upon her once verdant plains, and her terraced and fruitful hills, washed of their soil, by the heavy rains which descend upon them; yet nature had rendered it once the most productive of lands, and cultivation secured abundance.

Its plains and mountains, its streams and inland seas, gave it all the elements of beauty and sublimity, and furnished their poets with all their imagery, which make their productions unrivaled for purity of sentiment, loftiness of conception, and grandeur of diction.

It once had its warriors and kings, the most illustrious that ever lived; and the events which occurred at the origin of the nation, its exodus from Egypt, the passage of the Red sea, its wanderings through the wilderness, the death of its mighty leader, the passage of the Jordan and the conquest of Canaan, were hallowed in the recollections of its people, celebrated in solemn, national festivals, inspired them with lofty ideas of their rank and importance among the nations, and furnished the historian with the richest materials for his peculiar work.

It contained the finest specimens of art the world ever saw. The tabernacle in the wilderness, with its rich and costly furniture of pure gold, flashing with the diamond, and the emerald, and the "terrible crystal,"—the temple of Solomon, and its implements of

service, and splendid garniture, constituted it the wonder of the world; whilst its religion was the only one that could lay any claim to divinity, for like the fires which blazed upon her altars, it came from heaven.

Such a land, and such a people, should be approached with reverence, and it would argue a want of little taste, or devotional feeling, if our emotions were not kindled into warmth, at the contemplation of its history.

It was truly a "delightsome land"—"a wealthy place." The fairest flowers decked her glens, and the most aromatic herbs grew upon her hills. There was the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. The vine clambered over the slopes of her mountains; there hung the pomegranate and the date. No other climate and soil can rival the clusters of the grapes of Eshcol. And the tall cedars, the glory of Lebanon, still rise in grandeur above its snowy peaks. The fir tree waved its branches to the upland breeze, and the flowers of the olive threw out their fragrance, when the softer air of the south wind blew over her gardens. The birds sang among their branches, and the dew descended upon Mount Hermon, for there the Lord commanded his blessing, even life for evermore.

The seasons beautifully blended throughout the year—the sun smote them not by day, nor the moon by night. The plains were irrigated by Kedron and the Jordan; and the lakes slumbered placidly in the shade of her mountains. The joy of the whole earth was Mount Zion, and the excellency of Carmel was there; the pastures were clothed with flocks, the fields were covered with corn, the presses bursted with new wine, and their barns were filled with the riches of the harvest.

The *song* of the reaper, echoed to the *shout* of the vine dresser. The pipe, the harp, and the tabret, filled the air with their festal mirth. Such was thy land, O, Immanuel!

But *now*, and for many ages, the land has been spoiled, its inhabitants are few, and the descendants of Israel are in a most abject condition. The hand of their brother Ishmael is still stretched out against Jacob, and the proud Turk, if he were able, is not willing to defend them. There are some five or eight thousand Jews living in and about the walls of Jerusalem, and about four hundred thousand in the whole land, but they are daily increasing.

Among no people is the love of country so thoroughly felt as among the Jews. Indeed the hope of a return to possess it, is the great tie which binds them together. Wherever they roam they cast an eye back to the land of their fathers, as their only earthly inheritance. And in their families, and synagogues, they pray that the great trumpet may speedily be blown, to gather them home to the land—the lot of their inheritance, from all the lands into which they have been scattered.

May it not be said, "I will yet be inquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them." "I will increase them with men like a flock, as the flock of Jerusalem, in her solemn feasts, so shall the

waste cities be filled with flocks of men, and they shall know that I am the Lord." May we not then hope that our chosen missionary and his intelligent companion, with their pious and godly children, all of them bearing the names of distinguished missionaries of the cross, will do for Palestine and Syria what Judson and his sainted companion have done for Burmah; and that the Jew, and the Turk, the Armenian and the Syrian, the Ishmaelite and the Egyptian, the European pilgrim, and the traveler from our own land, will have an opportunity of hearing the word of the Lord; and the Catholic and the Greek will hear the gospel proclaimed in a way more perfect than they have hitherto heard.

I can not think but that the blessings of the Lord will rest upon us, if we fully and liberally sustain this mission; and that a cloud of witnesses composed of patriarchs, and prophets, of apostles, and martyrs, will look down with joy and exultation upon the mission family whom we have sent to bear the tidings of salvation to Jerusalem, from which it first began to be proclaimed.

But before I close, may I not be permitted to occupy your attention for a moment, in dwelling upon an incident in the life of one of the greatest missionaries in modern times—the learned, the devout, the sainted Judson. "On the last day of January, 1834, might have been seen," says one, "the man of God, Adoniram Judson, kneeling down, in the study where he had so long wept, and prayed, and toiled, to accomplish the work of translating the scriptures in the Burmese language,—holding the last leaf of the accomplished task in his hands, with streaming eyes and throbbing heart, bending down upon his knees, and returning thanks to God, that he had lived to see that long wished for day."

Oh, what a scene for angels to contemplate! In that solitary chamber, what interest was awakened among the spirits of the just made perfect! That leaf as it trembled in his hand, and that voice of thanksgiving, sent a thrill throughout the realms of immortality. Burmah was now to be enlightened and redeemed, and another star was to deck the crown of Immanuel.

How insignificant the greatest achievements of ancient and modern heroes, to the one before us. How greatly does this monument of his suffering, toil, and patient labor, throw into the shade, the mausoleums of Thebes, the pillars of Hercules, the temples of Greece and of Rome. And who would exchange the trophies, won by the heroic labors of this prince of missionaries, for the spoils and blood-stained treasures of the Alexanders and Cæsars, the Napoleons and Wellingtons, of ancient or of modern times.

But he has recently fallen, with his armor on, in good old age, after accomplishing the grandest work of the last half century.

His first wife was buried on the barren rock of St. Helena, an emblem of the sterility and hopelessness of the heathen world, to which she had consecrated her life. And the missionary died on the ocean, which in silence and in hope received his mortal remains. And it is well! Rest thou there, beloved!—until the sea shall

give up her dead! No gem purer or more brilliant, on the morning of the resurrection, shall thy depths reveal! And as its waves dash against every shore, and its waters touch upon every continent, and are cut by every sail, and its winds sweep over every land, the ocean hereafter will be his monument, if one shall be needed, besides that which he has erected in every Christian heart.

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The report of the Corresponding Secretary was read and adopted.

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Report of the Corresponding Secretary

OF THE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The love of Christ to a perishing world should rouse the church to the most strenuous exertions for its conversion; under its kindling influence our hearts should be warmed into life, and by its inspiring motives our best energies should be awakened to spread abroad the knowledge of salvation to every creature that is under heaven.

Why should we look supinely on, when the work we have to do is so urgent, and the delay so dangerous, and the time so limited. Who that has a crown to win, new conquests to obtain, and a kingdom to inherit, will be indifferent to the means to be employed and the resources to be obtained, to achieve these objects. If every hour's delay, is so much lost, every opportunity neglected so much more difficult the conflict, and uncertain the issue,—why should we not buckle on the armor, and enter upon the field, and "fight the good fight," while the day yet lingers?

Why should Christians be anxious to hoard up riches, when they will soon have no use for them, and why so much concerned about the riches that perish, when they will soon inherit the inexhaustible riches that are treasured up in Christ Jesus.

We need the self-denying zeal, the holy life, the disinterested benevolence, the contempt for death, and the burning motives of the first Christians, who took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, hoping to obtain the better resurrection.

One great reason for the coldness and apathy of the great body of ministers, and professors, and the spiritual declension of the churches of the saints, doubtless must be attributed to the want of an intelligent faith in the word of God, and a defective hope in the Divine promises.

The Saviour has left in charge with the church as the great organization which has been perfected by his mediation, the advocacy of the Spirit, and the labors of the apostles, the conversion of the world. It is most certain that if it has not been intrusted

with the church, it never will be even attempted, much less accomplished, and to deny this, would be to charge the Saviour with acting without any plan, or with originating a scheme of benevolence as wide as the world, and as extensive as the wants of our race, without any adequate means for the accomplishment of his designs.

With such implements as the great Head of the church has put into our hands, we are summoned to the task of removing the mountain load of sin that rests upon the world. Every Christian has his appropriate work to do, and the promise which stands out so clearly on the same page, of success so far as the means are employed, inpires him with hope and emboldens him with resolution to persevere.

The Saviour himself, in the midst of his sufferings, was sustained by the joy that was set before him, in view of the glorious results, which should be accomplished by his mediation; and elevated on the cross, he looked down through all coming ages, at the trophies to be won, and the conquests to be attained, and thus he endured its terrors, and despised its shame.

The work of missions is the appropriate work of the church. The whole institution is a missionary one. The harbinger of Jesus was a man sent from God to the Jews, and therefore a missionary to the nation of Israel. Jesus was the apostle of the Father sent from heaven to earth, and therefore a missionary from the skies. The angels who announced the advent of the Messiah, were messengers sent to the shepherds of Israel, proclaiming glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will among men.

The seventy disciples were sent out on the home mission, to their own countrymen. But the apostles, under the last commission of the Saviour, were sent to the world. And now the church is a great missionary institution, from which should go forth into all the world, men to carry the tidings of salvation to every creature under heaven, and if she fails to accomplish this work it never will be done, and in the day of judgment, John the Baptist, the angels of the annunciation, the seventy disciples, the twelve apostles, and a perishing world, and Christ himself will rise up and condemn us, unless we use our best exertion to accomplish this great work.

The Missionary Society originated just one year since, and its Board have met, regularly each month, to attend to its appropriate business. The past year has been one of preparation for the work before us. We have been chiefly engaged in surveying the field, and gathering the resources, and selecting the men to do the work. We have had many difficulties to encounter, some opposition to meet, some prejudices to allay, and much apathy and lukewarmness to encounter.

Besides which, the impossibility in many quarters to find suitable agents to assist in the work, and the crushing want of evangelists to send to the destitute. Never have we seen and felt, so strongly, the urgency and the necessity of the cry, "Send out more

laborers into the harvest," than during the past year. The want of such men is not only apparent, but is absolutely painful. We believe that such a state of things as now exists among us is without a parallel. The work to be done is imperative and pressing, the call for laborers loud and deafening, the success certain and sure, the reward ample and encouraging, and yet none to respond. Suffer me to go and bury my father, says one. I go a fishing, says another, while as in the case of the parable, some go to their farms, others to their merchandise, and not a few say, I have married a wife, and cannot either come or go. We need at this moment a thousand preachers in the valley of the Mississippi, and as many more on the eastern slope of the Alleghenies, and yet how few are coming up to the work.

Though we have many preachers, but few who devote their whole time to the work. Great success would attend the operations of the Society, if we had a sufficent number of efficient laborers in the field. The call for such is loud and reiterated.

We have congregations scattered in the villages, and towns, in the valley of the Mississippi, amidst a dense and growing population, outstripping in importance and wealth many portions of the older states, which are considered desirable posts for the occupancy of pastors and evangelists, but where it is found impracticable to obtain a suitable ministry to meet the demands of the churches.

We have been strangely unmindful of the wants of the community in this respect. We know of many churches, who are willing and able to sustain pastors, but cannot find them; and large districts and thronged cities, calling for evangelists, and willing to sustain them, and where the increase would be large and encouraging, but none to be had.

In the state of Illinois, containing a population of nearly one million, dotted over with large and flourishing towns and cities, two-thirds of which are wholly destitute of a stated ministry, are from thirty to forty towns on its navigable waters wholly destitute. From the northwest corner of the state to Alton on the Mississippi, a distance of four hundred and twenty miles, there are many villages and towns wholly destitute. From Chicago, along the banks of the Des Plaines and Illinois rivers, a distance of four hundred miles, embracing a large population, and only here and there an evangelist. The churches in the middle portions of the state, many of which are large, are calling for pastors, and none to be had. How long shall this state of things exist? and what shall be done to meet the wants of our congregations?

In the state of Indiana, containing a population of more than a million, with a large number of churches in every part of it, and with an aggregate number of fifty thousand disciples, and yet how few of the churches enjoy the advantages of a stated ministry. The most of them having only the visit of an evangelist once per month, or three or four times per year. A large number of the

preachers are engaged in secular pursuits, impairing thereby their usefulness, and deadening their zeal; the cause would not suffer but little more, if they would cease their ministrations altogether.

One hundred ministers in addition to those already employed would find ample labor at this moment in the state of Indiana. In the one hundred county seats of the state, not one half of them are occupied except in part by our evangelists.

Should we not weep over this state of things, and pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the fields ripening for the sickle?

In the state of Ohio, containing a population of more than two millions, the destitution is far greater, than that of either of the states referred to. It is but recently that an attempt has been made to establish a congregation in the capital, while hundreds of villages, towns, and cities, are yet unoccupied.

But the time would fail us to speak of Kentucky, and Virginia, of Alabama, and Tennessee, of Mississippi, and Louisiana, and Missouri, of Texas, and California, and other states and territories contiguous, not to mention the older confederations on the eastern side of the Alleghenies, with their teeming population, unvisited by the foot of agents. We have had an agent in eastern Ohio. One also in Kentucky, who only in part has been in our service; and one in Missouri; and one for a few months has been laboring in Pennsylvania, and on the border counties in Kentucky.

A summary of their reports will be published in the printed documents. But until we shall hear from the state and district organizations, we will not be able to know the extent of our operations for the year.

It must be remembered that most of these connections have met and organized, during the last year, and their agents and evangelists have occupied their respective fields. We cannot promise much the present year from the convocations, as they have only taken the initial steps in favor of our movements.

Mr. Sweeney says he is enlisted, heart, soul and body in this cause, believing it to be the great religious enterprise of the day, especially the proposed mission to Jerusalem.

C. M. Hubbard, James City County, Virginia, thus writes—"I congratulate the Missionary Society, upon the selection they have made of a foreign missionary.

"If high religious worth, extensive literary attainments, together with a sound medical education, form indispensable elements in the formation of a missionary,—if these, together with a companion who is indeed a help meet for him in this emergency, can insure success, then indeed may we confidently hope for success."

Mr. Barclay, soon after the formation of the American Christian Missionary Society, offered his services to the Board as a missionary to the heathen, with testimonials from distinguished brethren in eastern Virginia, and from A. Campbell, President of the Society. From such unexceptionable evidence of his superior qualifications

as a missionary, the Board could not hesitate for a moment in considering in the most favorable manner the proposition of Mr. Barclay, and gave him at once their assurances of the same, and so soon as our means would justify us in undertaking so great an enterprise, we unanimously tendered to him an appointment.

After receiving the appointment, he immediately commenced making the most ample arrangements for the mission; and writes that he had deprived of his property, and could depart for the place of his destination at a short notice. In the meantime, he and his family were assiduously engaged in the study of the Hebrew and Italian, believing that through the medium of the "Franca Lingua," a medley of the Italian, Latin and French, they could hold intercourse with a large portion of the Holy Land. His knowledge of the science of medicine, and his general acquaintance with the arts, will give him great favor in Syria and the Holy Land. He will take with him a suitable supply of medicines, and a complete set of chemical and philosophical apparatus.

A brother of eminence writes, that "The Jerusalem mission is an important one, and expresses a hope that it may arouse the benevolence of many persons and devoted hearts, to aid in the glorious work of preaching the gospel to all nations."

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The reports of the Recording Secretary and Treasurer, were also read, and, on motion, referred to an auditing committee of three, viz: J. T. Jones, C. H. Gould, and R. J. Latimer.

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Recording Secretary's Report.

RECEIPTS AMERICAN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

From J. D. Stilwell, life membership,	$25	00
Jacob Burnet, Jr., do.	20	00
S. G. Burnet, do.	20	00
John Boggs, to constitute L. H. Jamison a life director,	10	00
Dr. J. Shackleford, on account,	15	00
Henry Dow, life membership,	20	00
William Thompson, do.	20	00
James T. Barclay, life membership for himself and family,	100	00
do. to constitute J. T. Johnson a life director,	10	00
do. do. J. Challen, do.	5	00
Sister Tubman, Augusta, Georgia, life directorship,	100	00
do. do. Dr. Hook's life directorship,	100	00
Church at Augusta, Georgia, for S. J. Pinkerton's do.	100	00
A. G. Hayden, donation,	1	00
Mary Phillips, do.	1	00
J. S. Hayden do.	1	00
Amount forward,	$548	00

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From R. P. Phillips, donation,		1 00
J. R. Phillips, do.		1 00
D. White and D. Filson, donation,		1 00
Church at Detroit,		15 00
do. Baltimore,		40 00
W. J. Wilson, Virginia,		2 00
Charles Leslie, Davenport, Iowa,		15 00
Church at Baltimore, auxiliary,		
do. donation,		10 00
N. Short, do.		10 00
Crittenden, do.		5 00
Sister Gibson, Lewis county, Kentucky, donation,		3 00
Church at Stanford, Lincoln county, Kentucky, donation,		15 00
Otho Pearre, to employ T. J. Murdock as evangelist,		20 00
Unknown, donation,		25
Bro. Rogers, do.		5 00
Reuben Hunt, life membership,		20 00
J. Davis, do		20 00
J. T. Powell, on account,		8 00
H. Ludlow, to constitute James Challen a life director,		10 00
Susan West, Lafayette, donation,		1 00
J. J. Erret, agent for Missouri,		85 00
William B. Mooklar, from W. Scott, agent,		50 00
Church at Mount Pleasant, donation,		20 00
D. Shullenberger, Pennsville, Pennsylvania, donation,		10 00
Church at Wooster, Ohio, by J. H. Jones, do.		21 00
do Richmond, Kentucky, do.		8 50
Pond church, Madison county, Kentucky, do.		4 50
Church at Kirksville, do.		2 00
Dr. E. Clifford, to constitute S. K. Hoshour a life director,		10 00
Clinton street church, collection, donation,		16 90
Church at Philadelphia, do.		56 14
Bro. Hains. do.		20 00
Church at Danville, do.		20 00
Eliza Franklin, do.		5 00
Mrs. A. Miner, do.		5 00
Messrs. Bruington and Chapman, do.		6 00
Thomas Daulton, on account,		5 00
Sister Daulton, donation,		100 00
Mrs. Stilwell, do.		5 00
Mr. Clenney, do.		5 00
J. W. Daulton, do.		5 00
Church at Cheneworth, donation,		10 00
Robert Welsh, do.		5 00
Church at Cynthiana, auxiliary,		10 00
do. Bethlehem, do.		10 00
John Mars, Lexington, Kentucky,		1 00
Eliza Payne, for Jerusalem mission,		5 00
Church at Kirksville, Madison county, Kentucky, donation,		8 00
do. Smithfield, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, do.		16 00
John Redhead, life membership,		20 00
Christian Psalmist,		2 00
Church at Maysville, Kentucky, first quar. collection, donation,		20 60
Sister Biddle, donation,		1 00
George Tait, life membership,		20 00
do. Eliza D. Tait's life membership,		20 00
Amount forward,		$1358 89

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From George Tait, to constitute J. Challen a life director,	5	00
do. do. W. Scott do.	10	00
T. J. Murdock, do. J. Challen do.	5	00
R. M. Bishop, do. D. S. Burnet, do.	10	00
G. Fisher, life membership,	20	00
Milton J. Nelson, do.	20	00
William Morton, life directorship,	100	00
Alba Watson, Jerusalem mission,	5	00
Church at Clarence, Erie county, New York, Jerusalem mission,	13	00
do. Vincennes, donation,	6	00
Edward R. Howells, to constitute A. Campbell a life director,	100	00
Elizabeth Chiles, life membership,	20	00
A. Trowbridge, do.	20	00
McPherson, donation,	1	00
Martin, do.	1	00
Clifford, do.	1	00
Shawhan, do.	1	00
Church at Columbia, Fayette county, Indiana, donation,	8	00
do. Fayetteville, donation,	8	00
Temple Bergen, Madison county, Kentucky, donation,	4	00
R. R. Rigs, Knox county, Ohio,	1	00
Church at Bethel, by J. H. Lockwood,	10	00
Church at Bethany, Va., by A. Campbell, to const. C. Pendleton, of Va., and Jas. Parkinson and D. Munroe, of N. Y. life mem.	60	00
A. Knowles, life membership,	20	00
John Boggs, agent,	118	00
Carroll Crow, life membership,	20	00
Robert McBriar, Long Island, New York, life membership,	20	00
Brethren in eastern Virginia, for Jerusalem mission, and the same handed J. T. Barclay, the Society's missionary to Jerusalem,	345	71
Sister Tubman, Augusta, Georgia, donation,	300	00
E. A. Smith, Athens, Tenhessee, do.	20	00
The annual meeting at Wadsworth, Medina county, Ohio, by J. H. Jones, for Jerusalem mission, donation,	40	00
Do. at Cuyahoga county, Ohio, by J. P. Robinson, donation,	103	00
Church at Columbia, Fayette county, Indiana, by B. Franklin,	7	70
Church at Detroit, quarterly contribution, donation,	20	00
do. Leroy, Pennsylvania, by J. C. Rockwell, donation,	10	00
S. S. Clark, life membership,	20	00
Georgetown church, on account J. A. Gano,	16	00
Sarah J. Owens, bal. account (donation)	10	00
Priscilla Owens, do. do.	10	00
Church at Maysville, quarterly contribution,	13	70
	$2882	00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Uncurrent money,			$3	00
Paid for printing Minutes of Convention,	Order No.	1,	135	65
William C. Irwin, for services,		2,	17	50
do. do., &c.		3,	35	30
do. do.		4,	16	84
do. do.		5,	17	10
do. do.		6,	50	00
George S. Jenkins, for books,		7,	56	50
James Leslie, for Tract Society,		8,	8	33
William C. Irwin, for services, &c.		9,	17	77
Amount forward,			$357	99

Amount forward,		$357	99
William C. Irwin, for services, &c.	Order No. 11,	11	00
James Challen, do.	12,	16	66
R. P. Donogh, certificates,	17,	10	00
J. Challen, for services,	13,	16	66
T. Crane, do., &c.	14,	17	79
J. T. Barclay, missionary to Jerusalem,	15,	500	00
James Challen, for services,	16,	21	06
do. do.	10,	57	81
T. Crane, Ex.	18,	1	89
J. Challen, for services,	19,	17	06
Amount collected by brethren in eastern Virginia, and paid Barclay,		345	71
Paid W. Scott, agent,		38	50
W. Scott received this amount of J. Davis,		1	00
By balance in the treasury, October 23d, 1850,		1468	87
		$2882	00

Treasurer's Report.

The American Christian Missionary Society,

In account with A. Trowbridge, *Treasurer.*

1850.	Cr.		
May 9,	By Cash from Secretary, as per my receipt to him,	$314	04
" 13,	do. do. do.	611	50
July 8,	do. do. do.	201	00
" 9,	do. do. do.	21	60
August 12,	do. do. do.	164	00
September 6.	do. do. do.	115	00
" 9,	do. do. do.	273	00
October 22,	do. do. do.	796	65
		$2496	79

1849.	Contra.						
November 1,	To uncurrent money received from M. Short,				$3	00	
1850.							
January 8,	Cash paid order No.	1,	to	W. P. Stratton,	135	65	
" "	do. do. do.	2,		W. C. Irwin,	17	50	
February 11,	do. do. do.	3,		do.	35	30	
March 11,	do. do. do.	4,		do.	16	84	
April 8,	do. do. do.	5,		do.	17	10	
" "	do. do. do.	6,		do.	50	00	
May 13,	do. do. do.	7,		George S. Jenkins,	56	50	
" "	do. do. do.	8,		James Leslie,	8	33	
" "	do. do. do.	9,		W. C. Irwin,	17	77	
June 29,	do. do. do.	11,		do.	11	00	
July 10,	do. do. do.	12,		J. Challen,	16	66	
August 12,	do. do. do.	13,		do.	16	66	
" 16,	do. do. do.	14,		T. Crane,	17	79	
" "	do. do. do.	15,		J. Challen, for Barclay	500	00	
September 9.	do. do. do.	16,		do.	21	06	
October 11,	do. do. do.	17,		A. Trowbridge,	10	00	
" 22,	do. do. do.	10,		J. Challen,	57	81	
" 18,	do. do. do.	18,		T. Crane,	1	89	
"	do. do. do.	19,			17	06	1027 92
	Balance on hand,						$1468 87

A. TROWBRIDGE, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the meeting proceeded to the enrollment of members and the collection of funds.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the notice of amendment to the constitution given last year, but not recorded, be handed to the Secretary, and entered on the minutes, viz:

"I hereby give notice to the convention, now in session, that at the next annual meeting of the American Christian Missionary Society, I shall move to amend the constitution of said Society, so as to strike out the articles granting life memberships and life directorships in said Society. JOHN N. PAYNE."

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate for the ensuing year, and the following were appointed said committee, viz:

GEORGE CAMPBELL,
JAMES CHALLEN,
JOHN O'KANE,
T. J. MELISH,
JOHN N. PAYNE,
} *Nominating Committee.*

On motion, adjourned to meet on Thursday, two o'clock, P. M.
Prayer by William Patterson.

THURSDAY, October 24th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Society met pursuant to adjournment. President A. Campbell in the chair; who read the 72d Psalm and engaged in prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

E. Fisk, from committee on amendment to constitution, reported the following amendments, viz:

Article 3d. Any church, missionary co-operation, or other Christian association, annually contributing to the treasury of this Society, shall have the right to appoint one member for that year, and every twenty-five dollars so contributed by any organization, shall entitle that organization to another member.

Art. 4th. Amended by adding the words "the officers shall be *ex officio* members of the Society."

Art. 5th. Strike out the words "and life directors."

Report accepted.

James Challen, proposed the following amendment, which was adopted, viz:

Art. 31. Every Christian church in North America, co-operating with this Society, and all associations of churches, shall be entitled to representations equally at the annual meetings.

Jacob Burnet, Jr., offered the following as an amendment to article third, viz:

"And all persons heretofore constituted life members, and life directors, shall continue in the enjoyment of their acquired rights."

After which, the report of the committee, as amended, was adopted. The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer reported that they had examined the same, and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and found them correct; which report was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to nominate officers reported the following persons as officers for the ensuing year, viz:

FOR PRESIDENT:

ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Bethany, Virginia.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

JAMES CHALLEN, CINCINNATI,
D. S. BURNET, "
DR. W. IRWIN, "
WALTER SCOTT, PENNSYLVANIA,
ISAAC ERRETT, OHIO,
FRANCIS DUNGAN, MARYLAND,
THOMAS M. ALLEN, MISSOURI,
W. L. PENDLETON, VIRGINIA,
J. T. JONES, ILLINOIS,
JOHN O'KANE, INDIANA,
J. T. JOHNSON, KENTUCKY,
DR. D. HOOK, GEORGIA,
FRANCIS PALMER, MISSOURI,
C. KENDRICK, TEXAS,
E. C. PAYNE, LOUISIANA,
M. NOBLEY, IOWA,
WM. ROWZEE, PENNSYLVANIA,
ALEXANDER GRAHAM, ALABAMA,
GEO. CAMPBELL, INDIANA,
CORBLEY MARTIN, MICHIGAN.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

THURSTON CRANE, Cincinnati.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

THOMAS J. MELISH, Cincinnati.

TREASURER:

ARCH. TROWBRIDGE, Cincinnati.

BOARD OF MANAGERS:

S. W. Reeder, Cincinnati,
George Tait, "
S. S. Clark, "
Dr. B. S. Lawson, "
T. J. Murdock, "
B. Franklin, "
Andrew Leslie, "
E. Fisk, Covington,
Geo. S. Jenkins, Cincinnati,
S. G. Burnet, "
C. H. Gould, "
R. J. Latimer, "
W. A. Trowbridge, Cincinnati,
N. S. Hubble, "
John Taffe, "
Samuel Church, Pennsylvania,
Geo. McManus, Illinois,
R. L. Coleman, Virginia,
Wm. Morton, Kentucky,
J. N. Payne, "
Elijah Goodwin, Indiana,
S. S. Church, Missouri,
Alex. Gould, New York,
A. S. Hayden, Ohio,
S. J. Pinkerton, Georgia.

The report was accepted and adopted.

John Young gave notice that at the next annual meeting of the Society, he would move to amend the constitution by lessening the number of Vice Presidents.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at two o'clock, October 25th.

Prayer offered by ———.

FRIDAY, October 25th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Society met; President in the chair.

The Scriptures were read, and prayer offered by James Challen.

The minutes of last meeting read and adopted, with some emendations.

J. T. Jones proposed the following resolution, viz:

Whereas, The proceedings of the Board of Managers is a matter of great interest to the whole brotherhood, and the amendments to the constitution now made make it especially so: therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be requested to instruct their Recording Secretary to furnish the Age and Unionist a synopsis of its proceedings monthly, for publication, embracing the names of the members present.

Adopted.

A. M. Leslie then offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That in view of the permanent influence of early habits, we recommend to the churches, the encouragement of weekly or monthly contributions in the Sunday-schools, to be devoted to the establishment of missionary schools under the supervision of the Missionary Board.

Which was adopted.

On motion of James Challen, it was

Resolved, That we deem it important for the support of our missionaries at home and abroad, that individuals and congregations should send to the Board from time to time, their several contributions, without waiting for the annual meetings to occur before they send them.

On motion of James Challen, it was

Resolved, That in view of the destitution of the home and foreign field, we recommend to the churches everywhere, to select, train up, and educate pious young men, under the auspices of Bethany College, for the great work of missions, and of the ministry of the word.

On motion, the minutes were read and approved, and the Society adjourned *sine die*.

THOMAS J. MELISH, *Secretary*.

MINUTES

OF THE

TRACT SOCIETY.

CINCINNATI, OCTOBER 21st, 1850.

MEETING opened by D. S. Burnet reading the scriptures, and engaging in prayer. After singing, the President delivered the annual address; which was followed by a report and address from the Corresponding Secretary, and also the Treasurer's annual report.

President's Address.

THE age in which we live is emphatically a busy one, and no one, no matter in what sphere he moves, can be justified in indolence and inactivity. The artist, statesman, agriculturist, socialist, Jew and Christian, are all active, and to a great degree elevating the profession which they have selected as their choice. In this ceaseless and untiring zeal to improve man's knowledge, and to increase his happiness, I rejoice in observing, that the followers of the Lamb of God are in no degree behind the most active and the most successful. The various societies of Christian origin, disseminating religious knowledge to now almost the whole family of man, triumphantly proclaim the superlatively elevated and benevolent principle, which dwells in, and rules over the hearts of all their faithful advocates. But farther, I rejoice and thank God, that as a part of God's family, we are now engaged in the noble and godlike work of circulating the scriptures, sending forth the missionary and publishing religious tracts for the conversion of our fellow-man to the religion of Jesus our Saviour. The work is worthy of the best heads and hearts ever formed, and that it will be blessed of God, no one can doubt, who implicitly confides in the God of the Bible. The success of such efforts proves, (to my mind at least,) that they are approved of God, and that which he *has* blessed, he will again and always bless, under the

same circumstances. However humble may be the Tract Society, still it has proved itself to be one of the very *best* auxiliaries to the Bible cause, that has yet been adopted. Thousands and tens of thousands of facts could be adduced, to prove the great worth of the little unpretending sheet, which has been circulated from the time of Luther down to the present moment, with the sole object of calling man's attention to the great and inestimable truths, taught in the word of God. How many have dated the origin of serious reflection in regard to religious matters, to the reading of a tract, and generally read when neither a more elaborate volume, nor the Bible itself could have engaged their attention. Advocates for tracts do not pretend, that they alone are able to impart all the knowledge necessary for conversion and salvation; they look to the Bible alone, as able to do this. But at the same time it is believed that great good may be done through this medium, and therefore it is adopted as a convenient and cheap vehicle for the conveyance of religious knowledge.

With this view of the matter, and under the conviction that we ought to do more than preach the word, was this Society originated; and we have yet no reason to repent of our doings, but rather to bless God and take courage.

The promptness with which the Board has discharged its duties through the year, is an evidence of the worth which we place upon the effort; and I am convinced, that the Society is now beyond doubt placed upon a solid basis, and all doubt in reference to its existence and usefulness is now exploded. It has succeeded, and will continue to succeed, and upon its banner is inscribed, "Onward and upward."

We have not received from our brethren anything like the pecuniary aid we expected, and had a right to expect; but this no doubt has resulted rather from ignorance of its existence and the value of its publications, than from an unwillingness to engage in any and every good work with which they were able to co-operate. Our treasury has always been very limited, and therefore our usefulness circumscribed, but after this meeting I confidently anticipate great additional aid from every quarter of the land. That we may be able to publish more extensively, the Board has resolved to give away no more of its publications, but to sell at about cost to auxiliaries and individuals, leaving gratuitious circulation entirely with them. The propriety of this course will at once be appreciated; for if an issue costing one hundred dollars is given away, from what must the second issue proceed? and so on,—a new donation must be made, and upon that depends the existence of the Society. This is too precarious a basis, as our former course has proven, and therefore have we adopted the above resolution as the only self-preserving course.

In the name of humanity and religion, I do prayerfully call upon the brethren everywhere to give us their aid, that the day may soon come when our publications may be read throughout the world, and

great and incalculable good done in the dissemination of moral and religious truths. Let every church form itself into an auxiliary, and see that they are provided with our tracts for distribution, and mark what I say, that every such church will observe a decided improvement in the character of its members, and in the increase of its numbers. Show your faith by your works, and study to be foremost in everything that is good,—this is Christian, this is divine.

In accordance with a notice given at our last anniversary, I recommend to the Society so to change its name, that it may become general instead of local—let it be called, "The American Christian Publication Society."

As it at present exists, with two separate treasuries and two classes of officers, it is inconvenient and difficult of management, but with the above alteration it may be as conveniently managed as one society. Without this change, it is far better to keep the Tract Society separate, and form a new organization for Sunday-school Library purposes, which would result in the destruction of the latter. With the above suggested amendments, all would go on harmoniously, and no injury could result to either.

Corresponding Secretary's Address.

In the true sense of the term, the Tract Society is a benevolent institution. having for its sole object the diffusion of religious truth without fee or reward; and like all similar institutions, can alone be sustained by the liberality of its friends. And only so far as they come to its aid by their free-will offerings can it fulfill the great objects of its mission. Its measure of usefulness is limited by the extent of liberality exhibited on the part of its friends.

Hitherto it has failed to support itself, and consequently its operations have been necessarily limited within a narrow sphere. And it is confidently hoped that the wants of the Society will be more fully met, and that a larger and deeper and more constant stream of benevolence will swell the amount of our resources, to render them in some measure equal to the necessities of the case.

This work of benevolence cannot be sustained by the good wishes of its friends, but by their liberal contributions and self-denial. It cannot sustain itself without their aid; and that aid should be constant, uniform and perpetual. If the fountain of Christian benevolence is sealed up, the channels through which its waters flow will be left dry. The oil of the Shunamite failed only when there was found no more vessels to put it in.

The Tract Society has no revenue from its business operations, on which it may rely, when the charity of its friends shall prove inadequate to its demands.

The work of benevolence has always been one of sacrifice and self-denial. It runs not in a smooth and even channel, but encoun-

ters many difficulties in its course, and reversing the order of things which obtains in this commercial and selfish world, finds it more "blessed to give than to receive."

The Tract is a valuable instrument in reaching the understanding and quickening the conscience of old and young, and has served a good purpose in preparing the heart for the ministry of the word.

In many districts in which our tracts go, there are but few persons to be found having the "one Lord, the one faith, and the one baptism;" and faithfully do they accomplish the work of harmonizing the discordant and repellant elements, which are in existence around us.

There are many ways in which the matter of tract distribution may be prosecuted.

The female members of the church might enter into an arrangement for the circulation of tracts. We know of several who have volunteered their services in this way, and have distributed many of our publications.

Funds by private subscription might be raised for this purpose, or some of the means raised by the female benevolent societies connected with our churches could be appropriated, and monthly committees appointed for the circulation of our tracts; much good might thus be done to the cause of Christ, and great assistance might be thus given in building up the congregations.

The superintendents of Sunday-schools should furnish themselves with tracts and distribute them judiciously among the scholars, to be taken home and read.

Brethren traveling on steamboats, railroads, stages, &c., might always carry with them a package, and scatter out pages far and wide.

Elders of churches should always have a supply on hand, and not only lay them in the pews, but hand them to those who would be profited by them.

Evangelists traveling, should be well supplied with them, and send them in every direction. We have known them to be used with great effect at protracted meetings. While preaching to the ear, the same sublime truth would thus be presented to the eye, and the more deeply impressed on the mind.

I am reminded of what a distinguished gentleman once said to me, after an interesting conversation on the elements of the Gospel. "Your people are much to blame in not having presented, in any possible manner, these truths to the public *eye* and *ear*."

We have endeavored, in all our tracts, to give a sufficient amount of religious and Christian truth to lead the sinner to God.

It is said by one, that there is "so much vitality in the word of life, that break it into fragments as small as you please, yet so that there be enough to contain the annunciation of a doctrine, *there is still life in it*."

Although there is some truth in this, yet it must be received with some abatement. Life, as it is seen in a severed limb or a broken

branch, soon becomes extinct, inasmuch as it is cut off and severed from the fountain whence it derives its vitality, and therefore in each tract a sufficient amount of Christian truth should be exhibited to lead the sinner to come to God, through the Redeemer, for life and salvation.

We have published several tracts in the German language, and would be glad to publish all of them in this language, and add others to the list, if our means would justify the undertaking. If individuals or churches would make up from fifteen to twenty dollars, as a donation to the Society, with reference to the publication of any tract on a specified subject, if, in the judgment of the publication committee, it would be profitable to the public, arrangements would be made to further such objects.

At the meeting of the convention in October, 1849, the subject of the "Sunday-school Library" was put into the hand of the Cincinnati Christian Tract Society, and accepted.

But, for the want of funds, nothing comparatively speaking has been done in the way of publishing books. It will take a capital of some five or six thousand dollars, to get up and publish such a Library as has been proposed. It is a matter of doubt whether such an investment at this time would be either prudent or safe. After supplying our own schools, there would be but little demand from abroad, and the books would lie as so much dead capital on our shelves. Book-making is an extremely hazardous business, in this age of novelties, which requires something new every day and every year. We think it best for the present, to buy books for our Sunday-schools, from Sunday-school institutions already in existence, and the book stores: as we can get good and useful books at a fair price, lower than we could afford to publish them, and as great a variety as our schools may need.

We have filled a great many orders for Sunday-school libraries, during the past year, and so far as we have heard they have proved to be satisfactory. We have made the most ample arrangements to supply books to any amount that may be demanded.

We have adopted Goodrich's series of books, both as a class-book and for the library.

We have also published a Sunday-school Hymn Book, which meets with a ready sale, and with which the schools are generally well pleased. This is the only book we have been able to publish, for the want of funds. The Board has not realized but a very limited amount of the funds which had been pledged to those who originally projected the Sunday-school Library; and but little has been contributed the last year in furtherance of this object. Upon this head we think that our brethren abroad have been laboring under some misapprehension, as the opinion seems to be quite prevalent that our treasury has been well supplied with funds, and that we have already published, or are publishing, a complete set of books for Sunday-school purposes. The Board has been in advance with her means throughout the year, and with the utmost economy

in the disbursement of her means, she has not been able to meet the current expenses.

In relation to the tract operations, during the past year, about twelve thousand pages of tracts have been distributed gratuitiously in the English language, and in the German, some six thousand pages, and we have sold in both about ninety thousand pages of tracts, and have now a large edition of tracts in press, to which we have recently added a new one, "On the Evidence of Pardon," which we think will prove of great service to the cause.

In conclusion, we would call upon our friends to renewed activity in this good cause, and to afford us the means necessary to enlarge our operations, and to assist us in carrying out the object thus contemplated by the Christian Tract Society.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.

CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN TRACT SOCIETY,

In account with A. TROWBRIDGE, *Secretary*.

1849.	CR.				
October 22,	By balance on hand,			10	15
" 27,	Cash of Barkley, Scottsville, Virginia,			2	50
1850.					
January 28,	do. Secretary,			54	42
" "	do. do.			3	00
" "	do. do.			10	33
" 29,	do. donated by Cropper & Son,			1	00
March 25,	do. of Secretary,			26	45
" 14,	do. do.			8	33
" "	do. do.			8	00
June 24,	do. do.			15	00
" 28,	do. do.			25	00
August —,	Donation from Clinton street church,			10	00
October 14,	Cash for collections First Congregation church,			16	09
" 21,	do. of Secretary,			3	00
				$193	27
1849.	CONTRA.				
Decem'r. 22,	Paid order in favor of Shepard, No. 11,	15	00		
" 28,	do. No. 12,	4	80		
January 24,	do. 13,	29	50		
April 5,	S. K. Hoshour, for services,	16	67		
July 1,	S. C. Cropper, order No. 14,	29	24		
August 22,	Order No. 15,	17	48		
October 21,	do. 16,	36	00	$148	60
	Balance on hand,			$44	58

A. TROWBRIDGE, *Treasurer*.

Cincinnati, October 21st, 1850.

Treasurer's Report.

Sunday-school Library,

In account with A. Trowbridge, *Treasurer.*

1850.	Dr.				
March 26,	To Cash paid for account book,				20
June 1,	do. order to A. C. James,			101	08
August 28,	do. do. of this date,			42	79
" "	do. do. do.			8	33
" 30,	do. James's bill,			85	29
				$237	59
1819.	Cr.				
October —.	By Cash from Hawley, of Detroit,	10	00		
" "	do. " Hayden, by Secretary,	55	50		
June 1,	do. receipted to Corresponding Secretary,	29	00		
August 28,	do. do. Depository Agent,	100	00		
October 14,	do. from T. J Murdock,	10	50		
	Balance due the Treasurer,	36	59	$237	59

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received,	$201	00
do. paid out,	237	59
Balance due Treasurer,	36	59
Due James, publisher, on bill rendered,	82	00

A. TROWBRIDGE, *Treasurer.*

Cincinnati, October 21st, 1850.

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On motion, a committee of two were appointed to examine the Treasurer's report. T. J. Melish and G. S. Jenkins, were appointed that committee.

T. J. Melish presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the permanency of the work of reformation in which we are engaged, depends greatly upon a diligent use of systematic and organized enterprises; foremost among which is the religious press.

Carried.

J. Challen presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work of religion, to be most efficient, must begin in childhood, and the Sunday-school enterprise affords a most important instrument for that purpose.

J. T. Jones, of Illinois, spoke in favor of the resolution, and referred to the salutary influence of Sunday-schools in his neighborhood, and thought that some objections brethren had against such schools might be obviated, if able brethren would write suitable books for children.

J. H. Havens also related some interesting incidents, showing the happy results connected with the Sunday-school.

A. S. Hayden spoke in behalf of the Sunday-school and Tract enterprise, and related an instance of the effect produced by the

reading of one among some Scotch Presbyterians in Canada, who were induced to leave the faith of their fathers and embrace the doctrine of a free salvation.

B. White, of Covington, spoke in favor of the Sunday-school, and deplored the indifference that our preaching brethren in too many instances manifested in its success.

Dr. Ray suggested that a discourse be delivered in every church at least once a year, upon the subject of Sabbath-schools.

Resolved, That the second resolution be referred to a committee of three.

T. J. Melish, A. S. Hayden and J. T. Jones, were appointed that committee. It was also decided that B. S. Lawson and Benjamin Franklin be added to that committee.

Resolved, That W. C. Irwin, James Challen, and T. J. Melish, be a committee to prepare business for the next session.

On motion,

Resolved, That an opportunity be given for persons to become members of the Society, and that a collection be taken up in its behalf.

S. Reeder, of Cincinnati, for life membership, paid	$10 00
J. R. Peebles, do.	1 00
Bro. and Sister Howard, Cincinnati, one dollar each,	2 00
Dr. Ray, Cincinnati,	1 00
H. Hamilton, do. recorded himself a life member.	
Covington Church promised $10.	
General collection,	9 10
	$23 10

WEDNESDAY MORNING, October 23d, 1850.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. B. S. Lawson presiding.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee appointed to prepare business, reported the following resolution adopted by the convention held in this city last year, for adoption; and asked further time for the preparation of business.

Resolved, That the Cincinnati Christian Tract Society become the society of the brotherhood at large.

After considerable discussion, in which T. J. Melish, J. Young, J. Shackleford, E. Fisk, B. U. Watkins, A. S. Hayden, A. Campbell, T. J. Murdock and John Taffe engaged, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of John Young, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President, to whom the constitution of the Tract Society shall be referred for revision, and report at the next session of this Society.

A. Campbell, D. S. Burnet, J. T. Johnson, J. Challen, and T. J. Melish, were appointed that committee.

The Society adjourned till half-past eight o'clock, Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 25th, 1850.

The Society met according to appointment. B. S. Lawson presiding.

Meeting was opened by reading the scriptures; prayer by J. H. Havens.

The committee appointed to revise the constitution reported. Their report was accepted.

On motion, the amendments were discussed article by article, adopted and engrossed, as follows :

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be denominated the *Christian Tract and Sunday-school Society*; the object of which shall be, to diffuse the knowledge of the Christian religion by the publication and circulation of religious tracts and Sunday-school books.

ART. II. The churches of Christ, in North America, co-operating in this work, shall be the constituent members of this body, and entitled to representation in it annually, and all churches not individually represented may associate for that purpose.

ART. III. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the first Thursday after the third Lord's-day in October, when the officers shall be elected, and the proceedings of the previous year reported.

ART. IV. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and twelve Directors, which officers shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, and shall be *ex officio* members of the Society.

ART. V. The Board of Directors shall annually elect a publishing, distributing and finance committee, each consisting of not less than three, nor more than five members; which three committees shall constitute an executive committee, to conduct the affairs of the Society.

ART. VI. The Board, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall have power to enact by-laws for the regulation of this Society.

ART. VII. That the benefits of this Society may be enjoyed no less in distant places, than near the seat of its operations, the prices of its publications shall be, as nearly as practicable, the same in all parts of the United States.

ART. VIII. The President, or executive committee, may call special meetings of the Board, and the Board shall have power to call special meetings of the Society.

ART. IX. All persons who have been made heretofore life members, and life directors, shall continue in the enjoyment of their acquired rights.

ART. X. No change shall be made in this constitution, except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

James Challen presented the following preamble and resolution, which was passed, viz :

Whereas, As by Divine commandment we are required to pray everywhere; and it is so understood by all Christians :

Resolved, That the 10th article of the old constitution requiring us to pray at the opening of our meetings be expunged.

The following brethren were nominated and elected to fill the respective offices for the ensuing year:

PRESIDENT:

B. S. LAWSON, Cincinnati.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

JAMES HENSHALL, Kentucky,
JAMES CHALLEN, Cincinnati.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

THURSTON CRANE, Cincinnati.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

JAMES LESLIE, Cincinnati.

TREASURER:

R. M. BISHOP, Cincinnati.

MANAGERS:

T. J. Melish,
H. Hamilton,
T. J. Murdock,
C. H. Gould,
George Tait,
A. M. Leslie,
John Taffe,
A. Trowbridge,
Thomas H. Moore,
George Rice,
W. C. Irwin,
B. White, Covington.

The committee on auditing Treasurer's account reported. Their report was accepted, and, on motion, it was referred to the Board of Managers for 1851.

Resolved, That the resolution relating to Sunday-schools, be left in the hands of the committee already appointed.

A report from the Board of Managers, on the necessity of publishing a question book for the use of Sunday-schools, was read.

John Young expressed himself in favor of a system of questions and answers on the Gospels, and referred to a work called "Gaul's Help," well adapted for the use of schools.

John N. Payne, of Kentucky, spoke in favor of having a regular system adopted in schools, and alluded to the interest awakened, and instruction imparted, where the superintendent asked some important questions, in the presence of the whole school.

On motion,

Resolved, That Elder James Challen be appointed to arrange for publication, a question book for the use of Sunday-schools; comprehending the facts contained in the writings of the Evangelists, and Acts of the Apostles; and that the same, previous to publication, be subject to the revision of the publishing committee.

Wm. Davenport, of Illinois, moved that a collection be taken up this evening, to aid this Society.

Resolved, That the publishing of the proceedings be referred to the Board.

Donated by Dr. Lawson, $1 00; by J. T. Jones, 1 00; by a friend, 70 cents; general collection at night, 21 61. Total, $24 31.

JAMES LESLIE, *Recording Secretary*.